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1. Prosecutor-General Alexandru A Voitinovici * in a talk opening the meeting called to choose the so-called popular assessors, who will sit with career magistrates in Rumanian courts, remarked that it must never be forgotten that popular assessors represent the absolute majority in the dispensing of justice, that is, only the opinion of the popular assessors carried weight, not that of the career magistrates. The popular assessors were informed that it was not necessary for them to apply the law rigidly if it was not in the interest of the people to do so. Rather, it was their duty to go outside the law to favor the proletariat. Communist citizens had no higher duty than to destroy by all possible means the remnants of the historical classes, who are the only weapon of the capitalists in Rumania.
2. This portion of Voitinovici's address was prohibited from publication by the censorship.

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Comment: Voitinovici served as president of the court that tried Marshal Ion Antonescu and associates on war criminal charges.

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